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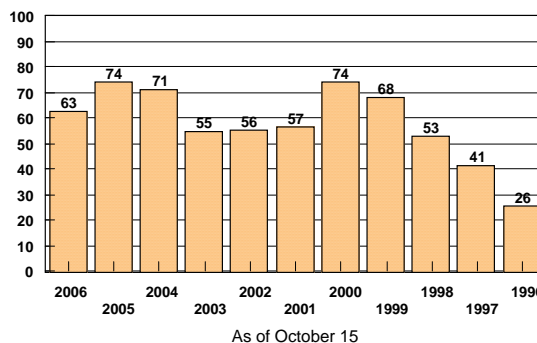
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Agricultural Summary

Harvest made excellent progress across Illinois last week despite the mid-week rain showers and snow flurries. Some areas across the north reported their earliest snowfall on record. Snow covered the ground in some locations but quickly melted as warmer temperatures returned. Across the state many farmers switched from soybean harvest to shelling corn after the rain and snow in order to minimize the harvest delay. Producers in most areas were thankful for the precipitation which will help their wheat crop emerge and also gave them some needed downtime for machinery repair and operator rest and relaxation. Many areas of the state have had minimal or no delay in harvest since it began. Wheat sowing progressed at a record pace last week but the crop has been slow to emerge due to dry soil conditions. With the recent run up in prices many farmers are increasing their wheat seedings this fall. Soybean harvest continued rapidly last week with farmers reporting tough going in some fields with green stems but the cold snap late last week will help that. Farmers across the south are finishing harvest of their single crop soybeans and will soon be switching to their double crop soybeans. Corn harvest continued as farmers harvested fields with poor stalk quality first. Ear rot is becoming a quality concern in some corn fields. Soil testing, fall tillage, dry fertilizer and lime spreading, tiling and other dirt work were common across the state last week.

Corn - Percent Harvested
Illinois



Crop Progress

Crop Stage	2006	2005	5-Year Average
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October 15

CORN:

Harvested	63	74	62
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SOYBEANS:

Harvested	75	81	73
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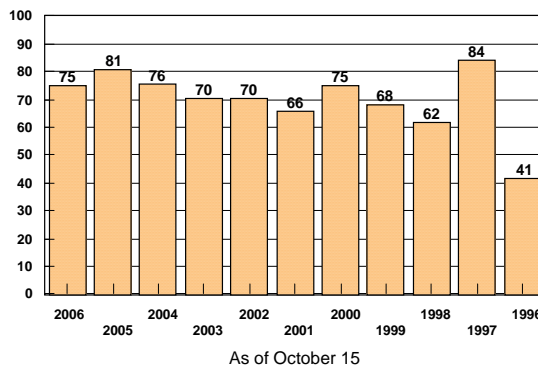
SORGHUM:

Mature	99	97	97
Harvested	56	72	60

WINTER WHEAT:

Seeded	73	68	57
Emerged	14	20	21

Soybeans - Percent Harvested
Illinois



Crop Conditions

Crop	: Very Poor	: Poor	: Fair	: Good	: Excellent
Pasture	: 5	12	October 15 33	45	5

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table

District	: Days Suitable for Fieldwork	: Very Short	: Topsoil Moisture Short	: Adequate	: Surplus
	October 9 - 15		October 15		
Northwest	5.9	-	13	87	-
Northeast	4.8	-	1	97	2
West	5.8	43	31	26	-
Central	5.4	1	22	70	7
East	5.6	1	7	90	2
W Southwest	6.3	10	56	34	-
E Southeast	6.6	1	27	72	-
Southwest	6.7	41	46	13	-
Southeast	6.6	4	19	73	4
State	5.8	9	25	64	2

Crop Progress by Districts

District	: Corn Harvested	: Soybeans Harvested
	October 15	
Northwest	41	69
Northeast	31	71
West	79	83
Central	73	73
East	51	78
W Southwest	86	79
E Southeast	63	73
Southwest	93	77
Southeast	82	61
State	63	75

Weather Information Table

District	: Temperature	: Precipitation
	: Average : Normal : Departure	: Total : Normal : Departure
	October 9 - 15	
Northwest	: 44.9 52.8 -7.9	0.46 0.45 0.01
Northeast	: 45.3 53.2 -7.9	0.57 0.45 0.11
West	: 47.1 55.9 -8.8	0.51 0.46 0.05
Central	: 47.2 55.3 -8.1	0.61 0.47 0.13
East	: 47.6 55.0 -7.4	0.43 0.47 -0.04
W Southwest	: 48.5 57.3 -8.7	0.40 0.38 0.03
E Southeast	: 50.3 57.5 -7.2	0.17 0.47 -0.29
Southwest	: 51.8 58.5 -6.7	0.09 0.58 -0.49
Southeast	: 52.9 58.9 -6.0	0.09 0.56 -0.47
State	: 48.2 55.9 -7.7	0.38 0.47 -0.09

Weather Information Table

Location	Maximum	Temperature Minimum	Departure	Precipitation
October 9 - 15				
Northwest:				
Freeport	76	25	-7	0.47
Kewanee	76	28	-8	0.59
Moline	79	30	-6	0.24
Mount Carroll	78	25	-6	0.40
Paw Paw	74	26	-7	0.56
Rochelle	74	25	-8	0.42
Rockford	75	26	-7	0.33
Northeast:				
Aurora	73	24	-8	0.55
Chicago	72	30	-8	0.55
Antioch	74	29	-7	0.56
McHenry	73	26	-9	0.65
Morris	78	33	-4	0.49
Ottawa	78	31	-8	0.58
Park Forest	73	29	-8	0.63
West:				
Galesburg	74	29	-9	0.61
Prairie City	77	27	-8	0.50
Quincy	76	28	-9	0.50
Central:				
Bloomington	83	27	-8	0.64
Decatur	81	28	-6	0.37
Havana	81	28	-9	0.59
Lincoln	79	25	-7	0.63
Peoria	79	29	-7	0.48
East:				
Champaign	79	25	-7	0.25
Pontiac	76	29	-7	0.84
West Southwest:				
Carlinville	77	29	-9	0.27
Morrisonville	79	26	-8	0.23
Springfield	79	27	-9	0.50
East Southeast:				
Effingham	80	26	-7	0.20
Flora	79	30	-7	0.07
Hutsonville	80	28	-6	0.11
Iuka	78	29	-7	0.05
Hidalgo	82	28	-6	0.11
Paris	78	30	-7	0.19
Windsor	79	27	-9	0.29
Southwest:				
Carbondale	78	27	-5	0.08
Lebanon	78	31	-8	0.14
Steeleville	78	30	-9	0.08
Southeast:				
Grand Chain	79	35	-5	0.03
Grayville	80	32	-7	0.08
Mt Vernon	75	27	-8	0.05

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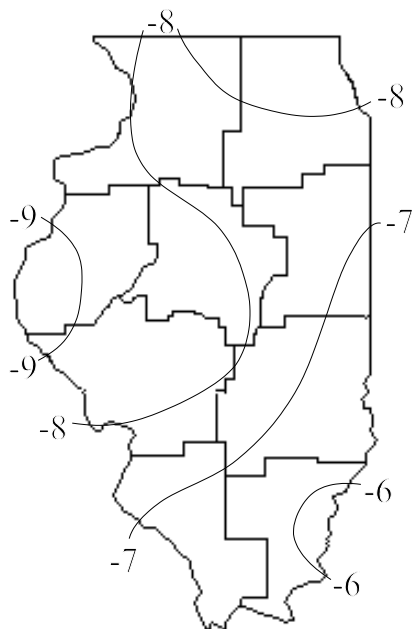
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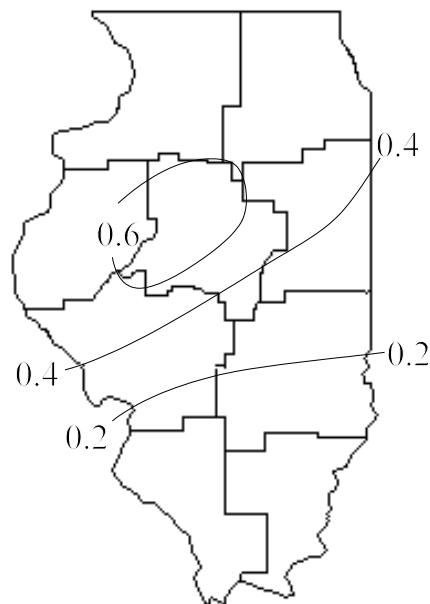
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Temperature (°F) Departure
October 9 - 15



Precipitation (in.) Total
October 9 - 15

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